

You know what that tells me? These are not mistakes in the drafting. This was purposeful. That is what that tells me.

Listen, I believe the rights of every individual should be honored, but this is not choosing to be able to protect the rights of every individual. This is saying some people are more equal than others. That is a problem.

After the Obergefell decision was made, President Obama spoke to the Nation. He supported the Obergefell decision from the Supreme Court, but then he said this:

I know that Americans of goodwill continue to hold a wide range of views on this issue. Opposition in some cases has been based on sincere and deeply held beliefs. All of us who welcome today's news should be mindful of that fact; recognize different viewpoints; revere our deep commitment to religious freedom.

Great words that seem to be on the cutting room floor today. It hasn't taken long for President Obama's statement after the Obergefell decision to say: Never mind.

This is fixable, but when people see the problem and the issue with it and choose to ignore it, I have to ask why.

Twenty-nine years ago today, President Clinton signed into law the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and 29 years later, Congress is saying: Never mind.

I find that a problem.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

#### MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CANNABIDIOL RESEARCH EXPANSION ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, before the Senate finishes this evening, there is one more important piece of legislation we are passing today, which I want to tout: the Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act.

I have to give great credit to Senator FEINSTEIN, Senator GRASSLEY, and Senator SCHATZ. They have championed this legislation and worked hard to see that it has gotten support of all the Senators. It would eliminate the red-tape that hinders cannabis research, opening the door for new, innovative treatments derived from cannabis.

Now, if you are one of the millions of Americans who deal with conditions like Parkinson's or epilepsy or post-traumatic stress, or any number of other conditions, cannabis might hold promising new options for managing these diseases, but we need to do research first. And the Federal government, sadly, has been woefully behind the times on this front.

This bill will help fix that and, equally important, I hope that after passing this bill, the Senate can make progress on other cannabis legislation too. I am still holding productive talks with Democratic and Republican colleagues in the House and the Senate on moving additional bipartisan cannabis legislation in the lameduck, and we are going to try very, very hard to get it done. It is not easy, but we are making good

progress. So I thank my colleagues for the excellent work on this bill and hope it portends more good cannabis legislation to come.

#### CHANGE OF VOTE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on a second matter, on rollcall No. 355, I voted yea. It was my intention to vote nay. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to change my vote since it will not affect the outcome.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. CAROLYN BERTOZZI

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, today I honor and pay tribute to American Dr. Carolyn Bertozzi. Dr. Bertozzi was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 for her outstanding work and dedication to chemical biology research.

Dr. Carolyn Bertozzi is the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Chemical and Systems Biology and Radiology at Stanford University. She is also the Baker Family Director at Sarafan ChEM-H at Stanford and an investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She completed her undergraduate education in chemistry at Harvard University before earning her Ph.D. in chemistry at UC Berkeley. Following postdoctoral study at UCSF, she returned to Berkeley as a professor in the college of chemistry and led groundbreaking investigations published in major scientific journals. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldine. She has also received countless awards, including most recently the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2022 is a distinguished honor awarded to Drs. Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal, and K. Barry Sharpless for the development of click chemistry and biorthogonal chemistry. After Meldal and Sharpless laid the foundation of click chemistry, Bertozzi used click chemistry to study cellular reactions. Cellular machinery that modifies proteins with specific carbohydrates is now leveraged for targeted treatment of cancer and other conditions. I applaud her commitment to this life-saving invention.

It is a privilege to commemorate Dr. Bertozzi's Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Her students and peers are inspired by her dedication to her students and research. As a physician and husband of a breast cancer surgeon, I admire her exemplary work on click chemistry and its application to cancer treatment research. I am honored to recognize her today.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING STACEY JONES

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of Stacey Allen Jones, who passed away October 8, 2022. Stacey was a native of Fort Smith, a leader, an educator, and a family man whose advocacy for the performing arts enriched the lives of people in western Arkansas.

Long-time residents of Fort Smith knew Stacey as a champion for the arts in the region. I knew Stacey as a fellow Northside Grizzly and a dear friend.

Before his recent retirement, he served as the associate vice chancellor of campus and community events at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith and led the Season of Entertainment on campus and at its predecessor Westark College for more than 39 years.

Through these programs, he brought nationally touring musicians and Broadway shows to the area and supported student productions to improve the quality of life in the community, provide opportunities for young people, and enhance the mission of the university. Along the way, he was also a mentor and advocate for thousands of students who participated in these programs.

Stacey was also well-known throughout the State for his dedication to the Miss UAFS and Miss Arkansas Programs. Because of his leadership, Westark College's local pageant became a qualifying event for the Miss Arkansas pageant. Among the many successful competitors who started at the Miss Westark pageant was Shawntel Smith, who went on to be crowned Miss America while representing Oklahoma in 1996.

Outside of the university, Stacey was a critical part of many community projects. As part of a coalition of local leaders, he regularly lent his voice and experience to help others in their efforts to enhance the arts, history, and culture of the region.

I extend my sincere condolences to Stacey's wife of 46 years, Sheila Jones; his daughters Stacie Kohles and Amanda Echols; his loving family; and many friends. Western Arkansas is richer because of his hard work, dedication, and genuine care for the university and the community. He will be missed. •

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF TIM HELDER

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Washington County

Sheriff Tim Helder who is retiring after 43 years of law enforcement service in northwest Arkansas.

Sheriff Helder is a dedicated public servant who followed and built on his family's century-long legacy in public safety.

He began his career in 1979 as a dispatcher with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He continued his service for 21 years at the Fayetteville Police Department before returning to the sheriff's office as chief deputy.

In 2004, Helder was elected Washington County Sheriff and has admirably served his neighbors and fellow citizens, who elected him to eight terms leading the department. During his time as sheriff, he has instilled a sense of duty, pride, and professionalism within the department and its officers.

Sheriff Helder also made efforts to ensure his own knowledge and leadership benefited from world-class training, including at the FBI National Academy, and partnerships with premiere task forces and other law enforcement agencies.

Engaging directly and frequently with the people of Washington County has long been a priority for the sheriff, including staying connected with community partners and elected leaders by hosting a monthly breakfast to keep everyone updated on county law enforcement issues and the importance of working together.

We can be proud of Sheriff Helder's lifelong service both in and out of uniform. He has embodied what it means to serve and protect and deserves our thanks for bettering communities in our State.

I applaud Sheriff Helder for his accomplished career and the leadership and perseverance he has demonstrated.

I wish him the best in his retirement, where I know he will be happy to spend more time with his wife Holly, their three children, and grandchildren. I know he will continue working in different but meaningful ways to build a better Arkansas.●

#### REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ASA HERRING

● Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Lieutenant Colonel Asa Herring, an American patriot and hero who served with the famed Tuskegee Airmen before going on to complete a 22-year military career in the U.S. Air Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Herring was born on October 3, 1926, in Dunn, NC. Despite being born during a time in American history when rights and opportunities for African-Americans were few, he persevered. At a time when high school graduation rates amongst African-Americans were in the single digits, Lieutenant Colonel Herring graduated at age 16 and then had to wait nearly 2 years before he could enter the military. After passing the Army Air Corps written examination, he entered Active

Duty as an aviation cadet on December 27, 1944.

However, World War II ended before he finished his training. On April 26, 1945, the Tuskegee Airmen flew their last combat mission, and less than 2 weeks later, on May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered. Lieutenant Colonel Herring did not wish to serve in a segregated military, so he decided to request an honorable discharge in 1946.

On July 26, 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order No. 9981, ending the policy of racial segregation in the military. Less than a year later, Lieutenant Colonel Herring volunteered for service in the newly established U.S. Air Force and served until 1970. Throughout his service, Lieutenant Colonel Herring fought in both the Korean and Vietnam war, flew more than 350 combat missions, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Bronze Star, and an Air Medal with 13 oakleaf clusters. He was also the first African-American squadron commander at Luke Air Force Base, where he trained pilots from several European countries in the F-104G Jet Fighter Gunnery Program.

After retiring from military service, Lieutenant Colonel Herring joined Western Electric in Phoenix, AZ, where he served in several management positions until 1989. Personifying the Air Force core values, he also dedicated much of his time and talent to community service organizations across Phoenix and to educating others on the history and incredible legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

I join Arizonans in mourning Lieutenant Colonel Herring's passing on May 22, 2022, at the age of 95. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Honor Herring, and is survived by his two sons, Asa D. Herring, III, and Mark Alan Herring; his seven grandchildren; and his 15 great-grandchildren—to whom we extend our gratitude for Lieutenant Colonel Herring's honorable service to his community and to his Nation.●

#### 150TH BIRTHDAY OF GREAT BEND, KANSAS

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 150th birthday of our home, Great Bend, KS.

Anticipating the westward expansion of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, D.N. Heiser and E.J. Dodge made the first settlement in the Great Bend Township in 1871. The railroad reached the township in July of 1872, and Great Bend was soon incorporated as the permanent county seat for Barton County, named after the great bend of the Arkansas River—pronounced Arkansas—that the town sits on. Later, this great bend on the river became the crossing point for settlers and supply wagons traversing the Santa Fe Trail. Great Bend would go on to be a premier shipping point for cattle, as well as a center of regional trade and commerce for western Kansas. The oil and gas in-

dustry arrived in Great Bend soon after, with the county bringing in more than \$30 million annually from the petroleum industry by 1930. From its beginnings, Great Bend has been pivotal in the development of Kansas's economy, and today, our agriculture and oil help feed and fuel the world.

I had the privilege of raising my family in Great Bend and delivering some 5,000 babies in the community. Thanks to investments of hard work, innovation, and determination, as well as great pride in our schools, Great Bend continues to serve as an economic driver for central Kansas. The city of Great Bend plays such a vital role in telling the story of Kansas, so it is my honor to celebrate the city's 150th birthday.

I would like to thank and honor everyone living in Great Bend and our predecessors for the pride they have in our city and especially thank everyone who helped organize the sesquicentennial celebration.

I now ask my colleagues to join the residents of Great Bend in celebrating the city's 150th birthday and recognize them all for their contributions to the city's 150 years of history.

I am humbled and proud to call Great Bend home.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5286. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 11, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5287. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 2022-23 Season" (RIN1018-BF07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2022; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5288. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Eligibility for Legacy Participants and Legacy Applicants" (RIN2900-AR28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5289. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; 2022 Horsepower on the Hudson, Hudson River, Castleton, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0904)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2022; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.